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ELECTRONIC FILE LIFECYCLE
MANAGEMENT

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Sir:

I hereby declare that:

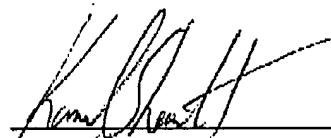
1. I believe that I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC FILE LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT", filed on September 19, 2000 as U.S. Patent Application No. 09/665,065.

2. I believe that I am an original and sole inventor of a patent, entitled "FILE-BASED VIRTUAL STORAGE FILE SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR AUTOMATED FILE MANAGEMENT ON MULTIPLE FILE SYSTEM STORAGE DEVICES", filed on May 18, 1999 as U.S. Patent Application No. 09/313,181, and which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,438,642 on August 20, 2002.

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3. The subject matter disclosed but not claimed in the 6,438,642 patent is derived from my contributions and is thus not an invention "by another".

4. All statements made herein are to the best of my knowledge true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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